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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-39 and 46-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 62 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-39, 46-61, 63 and 64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Introduction

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 10-27-2006. Claims 30, 33-36, 46, 48 51-55 and 60-64 have been amended. Claims 30-39 and 46-64 are pending.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "means" of claims 52, 60 and 64 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 30-39, 46-51, 53-59, and 61, 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101

because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Regarding method claims 30-39, 46-47, 61, these method steps are directed to abstract ideas of manipulating data/waveform/codebook, without producing tangible result which enable the usefulness of the invention to be realized. Therefore claims 30-39, 46-47 and 61 are non-statutory under 35 USC 101.

Regarding claims 48-51, 53-59, 63, the computer program product and control logic are also directed to abstract ideas, rather than a practical application; therefore claims 48-51, 53-59, 63 are non-statutory under 35 USC 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it

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pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claim limitation "an apparatus for fingerprinting an audio waveform, comprising:

means for defining a codebook which represents a multivariate vector of one or more spectral features with one of a plurality of codes, each code corresponding to a bin and representing a portion of a predetermined audio waveform;

means for dividing the audio waveform into a plurality of bins;

means for computing one or more spectral features for a first group of data points within each bin of the plurality of bins;

means for shifting some number of data points within each bin of the plurality of bins; and

means for computing the one or more spectral features for a second group of data points within each bin of the plurality of bins; and

means for generating a fingerprint by representing the audio waveform with a string of codes from the codebook, each code corresponding to a segment of the audio waveform; and

means for aligning the string of codes in a time series" was not clearly described in the further detail in the specification (see specification page 10 line 6-page 11 line 24).

In the application as filed, there does not appear to be any detailed descriptions or disclosure of means of the steps in the figures. However, the specification never disclosed any means of the steps.

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6. Claim 60 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claim limitation “ an apparatus for creating a signature of an audio waveform, comprising:

means for dividing the audio waveform into a plurality of bins;

means for selecting a first group of data points within each bin;

~~means~~ for computing one or more spectral features for each bin based upon the first group of points within the plurality of bins;

means for selecting a second group of data points within each bin;

means for computing one or more spectral features for each bin based upon the second set of data points within the bins of the plurality;

means for referencing a codebook using the one or more spectral features, wherein the codebook represents at least one multivariate vector; and

means for creating one or more signatures representing the audio waveform with a string-of codes from the codebook, each code corresponding to a segment of the audio waveform” was not clearly described in the further detail in the specification (see specification page 10 line 6-page 11 line 24).

In the application as filed, there does not appear to be any detailed descriptions or disclosure of means of the steps in the figures. However, the specification never disclosed any means of the steps.

7. Claim 64 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claim limitation “ an apparatus for fingerprinting an audio waveform, comprising:

means for defining a codebook which represents a multivariate vector of one or more spectral features with a corresponding one of a plurality of codes;

means for dividing the audio waveform into a plurality of bins;

means for computing one or more spectral features for each bin; and

means for generating a fingerprint by representing the audio waveform with a string of codes from the codebook based on the computed one or more spectral features for each bin” was not clearly described in the further detail in the specification (see specification page 10 line 6-page 11 line 24).

In the application as filed, there does not appear to be any detailed descriptions or disclosure of means of the steps in the figures. However, the specification never disclosed any means of the steps.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 62 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30-39 and 46-64 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

11. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chin Vivian, can be reached on (571) 272-7848.


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